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Updated Police Assignments

In early 2009, the College Station Police Department (CSPD) implemented a new structure designed to provide geographic accountability. Under the plan, the city is divided into three sectors, with each sector under the command of a police lieutenant. The sectors are divided into eight beats with a patrol sergeant assigned to each beat.

Jeff Capps, who was promoted to police chief in early December, hopes that citizens will get to know their respective beat sergeant.

"Each sergeant has a team of officers that work together for common goals, which include not only reducing crime, but also the fear of crime while building effective partnerships to enhance and improve the overall quality of life," said Capps. "We are excited about the opportunities of meeting and building partnerships with each member of our community."

Recent promotions in the police department have caused some changes

in beat assignments. The following are officers you will want to talk with about problems or issues in your neighborhood. Please continue to call 911 in the case of an emergency.

Police Beat 10, the area northwest of University Drive and south of Texas Avenue, excluding all Texas A&M property, will be overseen by Sgt. Tom Brown, 979.764.6239 or tbrown@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 20, the area mostly known as the College Hills area bound by Dominik, Texas, Earl Rudder Freeway and the College Station city limits will be served by Sgt. Katie Reiter, 979.764.5012 or kreiter@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 30 is an elongated area bound by Texas, Dominik, Holleman and Manuel Drive, University Drive on the north side of Earl Rudder out to FM 158 and the residential areas along Highway 30. This will be served by Sgt. Mike Dean, 979.764.5097 or mdean@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 40 is bound by George Bush, Wellborn Rd, Harvey Mitchell, Glade, Haines, Caudill, Holleman and Dexter. This area will be overseen by Sgt. Calder Lively, 979.764.5099 or clively@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 50 is bound by George Bush, Texas, Harvey Mitchell, Glade, Haines, Caudill, Holleman and Dexter. This beat is the responsibility of Sgt. Paul Brown, 979.764.6232 or pbrown@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 60 is bound by Luther, Wellborn, Harvey Mitchell, Texas, Deacon, Rio Grande, Rock Prairie Wellborn, Graham, Dowling and Jones Butler. This area includes a large section of apartments on the west side of Wellborn, and including much of the area known as Southwood Valley. It will be overseen by Sgt. Sean Beatty, 979.764.5098 or sbeatty@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 70 is bound by Texas Avenue beginning at Manuel and Holleman Drive, and subdivisions northeast of Earl Rudder beginning with Raintree, Emerald Forest, Foxfire, Sandstone, Woodcreek, and the Pebble Creek area, as well as the area immediately along William Fitch Drive East to Highway 30. This will be under the oversight of Sgt. Dave Fallwell at 979.764.6234 or dfallwell@cstx.gov.

Police Beat 80 is located on the southwest side of Texas Avenue beginning at Deacon, to Rio Grande, to Rock Prairie, to Wellborn, to Graham and all areas to the southern boundary of the city limits. This will be served by Sgt. James Arnold at 979.764.3627 or jarnold@cstx.gov.

For a complete map of College Station beats, visit:

 [**cstx.gov/pdbeats**](http://cstx.gov/pdbeats)



Warrant Amnesty & Roundup

A warrant amnesty period has been scheduled for Feb. 15-26 to allow citizens with outstanding warrants to avoid paying a \$50 (per case) warrant fee if fines are paid in full.

From March 1-12, local law enforcement officials will conduct a "warrant roundup" and arrest citizens who failed to pay their fines during the designated amnesty period.

For more, contact the City of College Station Municipal Court at 979.764.3683 or visit cstx.gov/warrants.

Down Payment Assistance Program -----



College Station's new construction program provides income-qualified residents home ownership opportunities in many neighborhoods throughout the city. The Economic and Community Development Department uses funds from the Federal HOME Investment Partnership Grant to build high-quality, affordable single-family homes in College Station.

A new, energy-efficient home located at 1124 Carolina Street is currently available for purchase. This home has three bedrooms, two baths and a one-car garage. Located on a corner lot, the house is 1,224 square feet and built with 100% brick and Hardiplank-sided exterior construction.

All prospective homebuyers interested in city properties must qualify for participation under the city's Down Payment Assistance Program. For city-developed homes, like 1124 Carolina, assistance of a 0% interest, deferred loan of \$14,999 is available to qualified homebuyers for a down payment, lowering homebuyer's monthly mortgage payments. A monthly payment for 1124 Carolina could be as low as \$806 a month!

Learn more at cstx.gov/housingassistance, or contact the Economic and Community Development Department 979.764.3778.

Why Do My Lights Blink? --

Not unlike the electric panel at your home or office, electric power lines are equipped with breakers and fuses to detect when there is a problem. Because power lines are located outdoors, there are numerous causes for these problems, including inclement weather, animals and tree limbs.

When an object makes contact with these lines, the electrical substation breakers will de-energize the circuit momentarily and automatically try to restore electrical service. If the problem still exists, the substation device will de-energize the line to prevent further damage or hazard.

The College Station Utility Dispatch Operations Control Center constantly monitors interruptions through a computer control system. When electrical service is interrupted, electric line technicians are immediately dispatched to locate and repair the problem.

If you are regularly experiencing flickering lights, please contact College Station Utility Dispatch Operations at 979.764.3638 and they'll work to resolve your problem.

Open Storage -----

The new thing in today's DIY (Do-It-Yourself) society is outdoor living areas. These areas are usually behind the house, normally out

of public view, making the patio area larger and more functional with more than just your average plastic furniture.

However, some people have taken to remodeling their carports without enclosing them. In other words, some people redesign their carport into an outdoor living room, complete with a big-screen television, sectional couch and coffee table. Unfortunately, in the City of College Station, this is a violation of the Open Storage Ordinance.

The Open Storage Ordinance states that the "storage of commodities and material for sale, lease, inventory or private use shall not be permitted in residential areas." Also: "Such material shall be screened by a solid fence and shall not be visible from a public right-of-way. Commodities are defined as, but not limited to: appliances, automotive parts, building materials, furniture." So that new outdoor living room must be back indoors, screened or out of the public's view.

Just remember, if it is meant to be used and enjoyed indoors, then it cannot be placed outside for everyone else to see (even if you think it is a cool idea to have an outdoor living area in front of your house).

Questions? Call: 979.764.6363.

Household Hazardous Waste Workshop -----

Find out how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste at the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Workshop on Feb. 3. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the College Station Municipal Court Building.

The proper disposal of paint, fluorescent light bulbs, computers and pharmaceuticals will be discussed. Also covered will be the benefits and goals of household hazardous waste collections, operations of household hazardous waste, and alternatives to household cleaners.

To register, contact Shelia McQueen at smcqueen@cstx.gov or call 979.764.3806.